GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON GRAZING
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether grazing has been banned in the area of 'Valley of Flowers' National Park;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any suggestions from many research organisations to allow grazing in a controlled manner;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Scientific community has so far not reached at any firm conclusion regarding the impact of grazing on the flora of "Valley of Flowers" national park. There are research findings on both sides i.e. some are in favour of ban on grazing while others feel that the ban on grazing has adverse impact on the flora of the national park.

(d) Any decision can be taken only after a firm opinion on the subject has been formed.